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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to public safety; establishing a grant to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office
1.3 for technology to detect gunshots; appropriating money.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. GUNSHOT DETECTION SYSTEM; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 (a) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general fund to the
1.7 commissioner of public safety for a grant to the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office to improve
1.8 the detection of incidents involving gunfire and facilitate a rapid response to those incidents.
1.9 This is a onetime appropriation.

1.10 (b) Money appropriated under paragraph (a) may be used to:

1.11 (1) purchase technology systems, including portable devices, that detect outdoor audible
1.12 gunfire within a specific coverage area using acoustic sensors that accurately pinpoint the
1.13 location of the gunfire; and

1.14 (2) obtain and maintain software that allows peace officers to receive an alert on a mobile
1.15 computer, smartphone, or tablet indicating the address of the gunfire, the time frame in
1.16 which shots were fired, the number of shots fired, and any other available information.

1.17 (c) The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office must place technology that detects outdoor
1.18 audible gunfire in areas in the county where there are a disproportionately high number of
1.19 gunfire incidents.